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Freshman, Undecided

"Holding hands or a kiss hello or goodbye is OK, but nothing else."

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WEATHER

## TODAY

Snow Showers  
High: 37, Low: 25

## TOMORROW

PM Snow Showers  
High: 37, Low: 25

# Students go into debt over loans

Many don't have the luxury of having their parents pay their bills for them

By Alexandria Clark  
Senior Reporter

After four or more years of going to class and finally receiving a degree, many students are faced with large debts after taking out loans.

Some students take out loans and have either the option of paying it back themselves or their parents paying it back for them.

But Mercedes Lawson, sophomore, does not have that option.

"I don't have the luxury of asking my parents to pay back my loans because they don't have jobs," Lawson said. "All my loans are in my name, so it is my responsibility to pay the money back."

Lawson had to take out three loans this year in order to pay for her tuition and room and board, which totaled up to \$7,000.

"I am so stressed knowing that I have to take out \$7,000 each year until I graduate in December of 2009," Lawson said. "I'm already an 18-year-old in debt."

By graduation, Lawson said she will have a Bachelor's in Science degree, along with a debt of \$21,000 in loans plus interest.

"Sometimes I go through emotional stress because I can't help but to worry, 'How am I

going to pay all this money back that I don't even have now?'" Lawson said.

She not only will have to pay back her undergraduate loans, but will then have to take out loans for medical school for another four years.

"I want to be a cardiovascular surgeon, so I have to go to medical school, which is an estimate of \$30,000 a year that I have to take

out in loans," Lawson said.

When Lawson is finally finished with medical school she will be in debt of an estimation of \$141,000 plus interest.

Lawson said she does not take school for granted because she is paying for her own way, which can be stressful at times when she tries to stay focused.

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## IT'S A "MARIO PARTY" AT SUNDIAL



PHOTOS BY ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

**MUSHROOMS, TOADSTOOLS:** (Right) Last night students eagerly line up for the Mario theme dinner at the Sundial. (Bottom right) Several employees of the Sundial serve meal specialties. (Bottom) Magdy Abouzied (Mario), general manager of the Sundial, entertains students waiting in line for the Mario theme dinner.



## Fingerhut new head of Ohio Regents

By Gina Potthoff  
Reporter

The Ohio Board of Regents has chosen Eric Fingerhut, former state senator, as the new chancellor of the board.

"He was the one the governor wanted," said Larry Weiss, associate vice president of the President's Office.

The Ohio Board of Regents, which is in charge of higher education issues, chose Fingerhut because they sensed Governor Ted Strickland was leaning that way, Weiss said.

Ken Carano (D-Austintown), the House Education Committee ranking minority member, describes Fingerhut as "the most fantastic choice" for chancellor because of his background.

Earlier in the year, rumors circulated that Strickland might eliminate the Ohio Board of Regents and replace it with a new appointed chancellor, but that was not the case.

There are two new bills circulating both the House of Representatives and Senate that will help better explain Strickland's new plan for the appointment of chancellor and the role of the board.

The first of the two bills is House Bill 2/Senate Bill 2. House Bill 2 gives the governor the power to appoint the chancellor, turning it into a cabinet-level position under the governor.

"It basically takes the powers the Board of Regents now has and gives it to the chancellor instead," Weiss said.

This would mean the Ohio Board of Regents would become more of an advisory board.

"The schools are all doing a good job of looking out for themselves, but we need somebody in a strong position to look out for the overall system of higher education," said Jeff Wagner (R-Sycamore), House Education Committee Representative.

Wagner said the bill design was a collaboration between the governor, the House and the Senate.

House Bill 2 was introduced in the Education Committee on Feb. 20, left the committee and was voted on in the House with-

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## Faculty hopes to open eyes with film

By Samantha Johnstone  
Reporter

While many students expect to graduate with only a degree, certain faculty members are hoping they will graduate with much more to offer society.

The presentation of "An Inconvenient Truth," a film directed by Davis Guggenheim, sparked concerns from both students and faculty members last night. The film, which featured Al Gore's concern about global warming, was followed by a panel discussion.

"Global warming is happening, that is no longer disputed," said

Phil Terrie, director of environmental studies and a panelist.

The problem is here and something should be done about it, said Travis Owens, a junior who attended the event.

"The rate has increased so quickly the past two decades compared to past centuries," he said.

Although many faculty members have been helping to keep BGSU green, Terrie said the University is still behind the curve.

"Frankly, I think we could be doing a lot better," he said.

According to Bob Vincent, professor of geology and a panelist,

the University has been productive in some aspects, such as mass transportation.

"The other thing the University has been good at is recycling," he said.

A major concern, the panelists agreed, is a lot of the information available to the public has no scientific basis.

There is a lot of information on the Internet that looks like profound papers, Vincent said.

"A lot of the people that are causing the problems, now, aren't scientists," he said. "If it's off the cuff and not based on pub-

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## Understanding the history of war in the United States

By Alexandria Clark  
Senior Reporter

Ideally people should have a relationship with historical figures from 200 years ago — helping them to better understand patterns of war in the United States.

In a presentation yesterday, Andrew Cayton, professor at Miami University, presented this concept, which is also outlined in a book he co-authored, "The Dominion of War: Empire and Liberty in North America, 1500-2000."



**Andrew Cayton**  
Professor at Miami University

Phi Alpha Theta hosted the presentation for Cayton to speak about the book. Cayton said he and Anderson's main goal was for people to understand what has happened in history concerning wars.

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## BLOTTER

### TUESDAY

11:06 A.M.

A subject was cut in a skating accident at the Ice Arena and was taken to the Wood County Hospital.

4:15 P.M.

Juvenile came to city police station to request help with a chicken he had in his car. He told police he had stopped because it was in the middle of the road and he feared for its safety. He got the chicken into his car but did not know where to turn it loose. An officer put the chicken in the poultry cage at the animal control office.

7:49 P.M.

A student reported the theft of a laptop computer from their Darrow dorm room.

8:50 P.M.

Two residents reported theft from their Bromfield dorm rooms.

9:44 P.M.

A student reported her laptop had been stolen from her Chapman dorm room.

### WEDNESDAY

2:44 A.M.

Two men reported trying to break into pop machines at Days Inn on East Wooster Street.

## CORRECTIONS

### Wrong title for Ribeau

In an article in yesterday's BG News the title for Paula Whetsel-Ribeau was wrongly stated. Ribeau is the interim assistant to the vice president for student affairs.

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CHECK IT OUT

## WAR

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"Americans tend to focus on here and now and not what happened hundreds of years ago," Cayton said.

In addition, Cayton said he and co-author Fred Anderson, professor at the University of Colorado, were curious of why Americans do not want to learn or are not interested in other wars besides the Revolutionary and Iraq wars.

"It's kind of obvious and normal human behavior that Americans don't want to talk about wars such as the Indian and Mexican wars because they don't look good," Cayton said.

But Cayton said with wars such as the Revolutionary and Civil War, Americans don't mind talking about them because these wars allowed the U.S. to advance and achieve their goals.

"Therefore our goal was to present the other side of wars such as the Mexican War," he said. "If you are Mexican that history is very important to you because it affects you."

But one of his problems, as a historian, is separating his personal views from facts, Cayton said.

"It's a dilemma because you can't escape it," he said. "You just have to try to be objective."

Cayton said how he and Anderson tried to be objective is checking one another and allowing others to read the manuscript.

Another dilemma that Cayton and Anderson could not escape is how readers interpreted the book's message.

"You can write it how you want, but people will see it different," Cayton said. "They will see the consequences and then judge it on what they think your intentions were."

A lot of people had the wrong perception about the book due to when the book was published, Cayton mentioned.

## "One could look at 9/11 and learn from it, but one could never predict when we will pull out of the war."

Andrew Cayton | Professor

"Our book was published in December of 2004, in which we were in the war with Iraq," Cayton said. "So many people think that we were referring to the war in Iraq and asking us to predict what was going to happen."

Cayton said he is only a historian and not a political scientist, in which he does not try to predict what is going to happen.

"When you talk about war, there are no predictions, but you can make an educated guess," he said. "War is very unpredictable and 9/11 should have taught us that."

As a historian, Cayton said he thinks of unfolding stories instead of predicting them.

"One could look at 9/11 and learn from it, but one could never predict when we will pull out of the war," he said.

"I mean no one expected 9/11 to occur; it was a regular day, people were going to work then boom we were struck."

Some people who attended were pleased with the presentation.

Jennifer Ricker, president of Phi Alpha Theta, an academic honor society, enjoyed the talk.

"I liked how he discussed the dilemmas of what historians struggle with when separating their personal view from facts," she said.

Along with Ricker, Candace Daniels, junior, found the lecture was informative.

"My major is history and I wanted to hear a historian's perspective on how to remain objective but still make my story interesting," she said.

## LOANS

From Page 1

"Every time I leave BG and go home I have a bill, in my name, sitting on the table stating that I owe interest on my loans," Lawson said. "And more stress is added on me."

Lawson said on average her interest bill is \$18 a month, in which she started to pay in December of 2006.

"My last bill was \$90 because I only go home so often and that's when I get a chance to see my bill and then pay it," Lawson said.

Unlike some students, Lawson wanted to start early paying off her interest fees.

"To be honest, the interest fees is what kills you," she said. "So the more you pay back, the less you have to pay back at the end."

Lawson said it is important for students to go to financial aid planning classes so they will know their responsibility of paying back loans and how.

"All students need a financial planning class for a general awareness," she said. "Also, students should know that taking out unnecessary amounts of loans is a bad move that puts you more in debt."

Students need financial planning and to avoid taking out loans if possible, said Denise Grigson, student loan collection manager in the Office of the Bursar.

"In some cases students chose to take out more loans than

necessary," she said. "It's tempting to use the extra money leftover from a loan and use it elsewhere such as on clothes."

Also Grigson said it would be nice to have a course, such as financial planning, to assist students financially.

"When I started school, I knew if I borrowed money I had to pay it back," Grigson said. "Now maybe some students don't understand that because they have their parents to pay it back for them."

According to Collegegrad.com, an entry-level job Web site, 51 percent of student loan recipients said it will take them more than 10 years to pay off loans.

That figure is unfortunate for students, Grigson said.

"It's an emotional and financial burden on the students," she said.

In some cases it could take students up to 20 years to pay back loans because it is difficult to maintain a standard of living, according to Grigson.

"I think it's unfortunate and disappointing about these facts because it could prevent students from attending or finishing college, due to a financial burden," she said.

But the advice Grigson has for students is to pay attention to loan agreements.

"It's very important, when signing a promissory note, to know who you borrowed from, what you borrowed for, how much you borrowed and understand the terms to your financial

## BEFORE GRADUATION

These are the steps for students to follow in order to apply and receive federal student loans.

- Applying for financial aid
- Calculating expected contribution
- Reviewing your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Evaluating your award letters
- Completing your loan application
- Receiving the loan proceeds

## AFTER GRADUATION

After the six month grace period, these are the steps for graduates to take to pay back loans successfully.

- Know your responsibilities
- Manage your account
- Consolidate student loans
- Make payments
- Postpone payments - Lower your monthly costs, request deferment, apply for forbearance

responsibility," she said.

In addition, Grigson said to keep in contact with the lender.

"Students shouldn't be embarrassed to call a lender and tell them their situation," Grigson said. "It's our obligation to help prevent the student from being put in the collection agency's file."

## Candidates campaign, raise millions

By Jim Tankersley

MCT

WASHINGTON — You can buy a lot for \$25 million.

If you are Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, the \$25 million you raised in the last three months has already bought you a co-favorite's perch atop the Democratic presidential field. Experts say it could also buy you all the commercial airtime on any television station in Des Moines, Iowa, along with a block of rooms at the Radisson Hotel Manchester in New Hampshire, from now through January.

Or, thanks to a big sale on Amazon.com, 1.8 million copies of your book "The Audacity of Hope" to hand out along the trail.

If you are not running for president, the flurry of record fundraising reports this week — cresting to a cool \$130 million for the Democratic and Republican candidates combined and capped by Obama's announcement on yesterday — may have left you feeling like you'd fallen asleep in a Monopoly marathon.

Here's some perspective that candidates and voters alike



JIM COLE | AP PHOTO

**ON THE TRAIL:** Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. Barack Obama talks to voters at the VFW during a campaign stop in Rochester, N.H., Tuesday.

can appreciate.

— Sen. Hillary Clinton's, D-N.Y., chart-topping \$26 million could buy a year of basic health coverage for nearly 22,000 uninsured children in New York, based on estimates by the National Association of Health Underwriters.

— Obama could back up his calls for renewable energy by

building more than 300 new E85 (ethanol-gasoline mix) fueling stations — currently, he has said, there are only 500 such stations in the country — or by giving a hybrid Toyota Prius to everyone in Oprah Winfrey's studio audience for four straight days.

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## Giving blood and saving lives

**IN THE CHAIR:** Megan Bell, a first year master's student, gives blood at the two blood drives sponsored by the American Red Cross.

## FBI and others need speakers of Arabic

By Erik Lacitis  
MCT

SEATTLE — After the 36 spots for Arabic 101 were filled at Bellevue (Wash.) Community College this past quarter, there was still a waiting list of 14 students. An additional 21 students were signed up for Arabic 102.

Robert Foulk was one of the lucky ones who got into the introductory class. He showed up recently wearing his Air Force ROTC fatigues.

"I'm planning to be a pilot, and if I'm staying in the Middle East, it's a huge language to learn," said the Maple Valley, Wash., 19-year-old.

The Arabic-language class is a first for Bellevue, a reflection of the growing interest in what is called "critical languages" — those languages that basically cover the world's hot spots, from the Middle East to China, Africa and Russia.

The need for proficient linguists in these areas is so great that the FBI ran a recruitment ad in the 2006 Super Bowl. And four years ago, Congress established the National Virtual Translation Center to recruit at-home linguists to translate documents for various intelligence agencies.

## Cruise will allow students to fully integrate with other cultures

By Sally Dadisman  
MCT

When picking a study-abroad program students have a choice: They can select a trip that would compel them to fully integrate into a culture — different language, unusual customs and perhaps uncomfortable living situations — or choose an overseas excursion as culturally eye-opening as a spring break trip to Cancun.

The Scholar Ship, which will embark on its maiden voyage in September, is a program trying to offer a unique spin on the former.

While the program may draw comparisons to Semester at Sea, The Scholar Ship tries to guarantee a more global onboard community by pursuing students, faculty and staff from all over the world.

"There are students who will live with families, learn the language, eat the food and learn about local culture, but the chances of students actually going to that extreme are nominal, which is a shame," said Ron Zigelboim, chief marketing officer and a founding member of The Scholar Ship.

"Many times, students from a particular country go to a

**"It's going to be different every single voyage."**

Ron Zigelboim | Marketing Chief

destination where they all congregate ... and as a result don't ever integrate in the other culture."

The idea behind The Scholar Ship is it becomes "a third culture," Zigelboim said. "It doesn't exist anywhere else and it's the people who actually make it. It's going to be different every single voyage."

With such a diverse atmosphere, the staff is not unrealistic about the possibility of clashing cultures.

"We're basically bringing the planet together on a ship with really high densities and lots of opportunities for interaction," said Alfred Flores, the director of onboard life. "It's naive to assume that everything will go exceedingly comfortably well as a result of that."

But, he says, "In the end we believe ... students will be able to navigate the complexities of the world through this experience and develop skills to move beyond and be able to tolerate differences."

## Education and tradition collide in South Africa

By Tannen Gliatta  
Reporter

As education becomes available to South African citizens, the impact is especially great for African women who are divided between education and tradition.

The education and the traditional gender roles of women in South Africa was the topic of yesterday's brown bag lunch sponsored by the Women's Center.

Presenter Annette de Nicker, graduate intern for the Women's Center, spoke about the growing conflict women face in South Africa.

In the past male dominance ruled the country and women held the responsibility of continuing cultural traditions.

Nicker said those ideas still hold true today, but conflict arises as women become more educated.

"Some educated African women suffer from criticism for abandoning cultural values and beliefs in lieu of education," Nicker said.

The foundation, Gender Equity Task Team, is based in Africa and aims to achieve gender equality and create a non-racist and non-sexist education, Nicker explained.

While the foundation helps to correct some of the problems in the education system, many still exist — including the language barrier.

South Africa has 11 official languages.

While English is the main medium of the country, it is up to individual communities to decide what language they teach in,



Annette de Nicker  
Graduate intern

according to Nicker.

"National exams are in English so those students who were not taught in the language through school are at an extreme disadvantage," Nicker said.

But the social conflict for women remains.

"Formal education has been achieved for some African women at the price of alienation from cultural values and beliefs," Nicker said.

The goal is to create a balance of tradition and modern values that both men and women support.

"African women and girls need support in developing approaches to overcome gender challenges," Nicker said.

Mary Krueger, director of the Women's Center, believes this topic is important for students to learn more about.

"Education is an important issue for women. It is important to address issues across the globe — not just local," Krueger said.

## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Sushi Thursday

Choices of sushi include: California Roll, California Roll Assortment, California Roll Shrimp Combo, California Roll with Tofu Pouch, California Roll with Vegetables, California Spicy Halibut Roll, Vegetable Roll, Wasabi Shrimp

**Kreischer SunDial, Chilly's, and the Union**

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

To donate blood, donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh between 110 and 350 pounds and be in general good health. Come to the blood drive and get a coupon for a pint of ice cream

**101 Olscamp**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Movie: "An Inconvenient Truth"

**Union Theatre**

7:30 p.m.

### Reading Series: BFA Readings

BFA readings featuring work by Travis Beckwith, Kristin Diamond, Hope Hammond and Alana Price. Free and open to the public

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"This pardon is a gift to the British people." — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, announcing yesterday that he is releasing the 15 British soldiers seized almost two weeks ago, from Time.com

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

When do you think public displays of affection go too far?



"When people start having sex in public places."

**NATALIE RAMOS**, Sophomore, Political Science



"I guess as soon as hands start moving to places they don't belong."

**MARK ALLRED**, Senior, Integrated Language Arts



"When anyone but me is receiving it."

**VICTORIA FASTENAU**, Senior, Early Childhood Education



"When I become chemically or bodily involved."

**JONATHAN PRICKETT**, Junior, Flight Technology and Operations

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## Public displays of affection have a time and a place



**KRISTEN VASAS** COLUMNIST

Spring is in the air. The days are getting warmer, the grass is growing greener and the leaves are bursting forth from tree limbs faster than our professors can assign last minute assignments.

Like everyone else, my friends and I have taken to spending as much time as we can lounging outdoors. Instead of sitting in a stifling computer lab, why not spend laborious hours working on never-ending homework assignments outside in the balmy spring air?

Logically, we're not the only students on campus who finish up homework on the acres of grass scattered across campus. However, some students seem to have much more than just last minute projects on their minds.

Last Tuesday, considering the unbelievably warm weather, my friends and I decided to spend our time in-between classes catching up outdoors, where we could enjoy one of the few nice days left before winter would inevitably rear its

ugly head once again.

We sat down on one of the many benches scattering the grounds outside the Union, enjoying Starbucks frappachinos and the delightful warm air that can only mean summer is right around the corner.

However, the bliss brought about by the warm weather and good company was soon brought to a screeching halt.

Directly across from us, in plain view of anyone touring or walking the grounds surrounding the Union, was a couple engaged in some extremely blatant acts of affection.

Not only was the girl involved completely spread-eagled across the top of her male counterpart, but he was apparently unconcerned with the number of people around them who witnessed his roaming and grabby hands.

Now don't get me wrong. As someone who is in a committed relationship, I understand the need to express your love for your significant other in a physical manner.

Nonetheless, there is a time and place for such actions, and directly in front of the Union during the height of campus activity where everyone can watch is certainly not the location for such private activities.

"...Directly in front of the Union during the height of campus activity where everyone can watch is certainly not the location for such private activities."

However, one cannot simply blame this unnecessary show of affection on the ludicrous and unwise decisions of the participants.

According to a study conducted in April 2006 from Psychological Science, this type of behavior can be considered somewhat normal come spring.

According to the researchers, when the weather begins to become warmer after a long season of cold and snow, it influences the mood of people experiencing the change.

"Pleasant weather and higher temperatures [were] related to higher mood, better memory

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## Owners, not just dogs, responsible for dog bites



**AMANDA HOOVER** OPINION EDITOR

America is a dog country. Man's best friend has taken up residence in 43 million homes, and a study done by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association puts the number of dogs in America at 73 million.

That's one dog for every four people in the United States. Yet, according to the Centers for Disease Control's most recent data, there are only about 4.7 million dog bites every year. Assuming every dog bite comes from a different dog, that's still less than seven percent of dogs that end up biting someone. And of all these bites, only about a dozen die each year.

Keep in mind that all these statistics are from the most recent reports and studies, many of which are from the late 1990s. They are also only an analysis of the reported bites. This is important to keep in mind because when a pit bull, Rottweiler or German Shepherd bite you, you're most likely going to report it because it will probably require medical attention. Conversely, a bite from a Pekinese or a Shih Tzu will be relatively minor and are less likely to be reported.

For the fervor with which Ohio is persecuting pit bulls, you'd think the statistics would be a little higher. In their

defense, pit bulls' bad rap have come from their overwhelming presence in the world of illegal dog fighting.

The problem is that the viciousness of fighting dogs has been extended to all dogs classified as American Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and American Staffordshire Terriers.

But the real problem lies with the owners of these dogs. There are three types of pit bull owners: the type who have a genuine love for the breed, or just the particular dog and have the time and ability to care for and train the dog; the type who want a big, scary dog but are ignorant of the methods for training dogs; and the last type are those who own pit bulls for the purpose of raising a vicious "killer dog," most likely to be used in dog fights.

Think about it: The people most likely to be bad pet parents are those who are training the dogs to be guard dogs or fighting dogs. What kind of dog are they going to get? It's not going to be a Dalmatian. They want a winner, the biggest, strongest dog they can find. This means pit bulls.

It's these people whose dogs are to blame for the national bad rap of the American Pit Bull Terrier. It's these owners whose dogs end up in the news. Think of the last two bit dog attack stories from Toledo this year. The first was a case where a three month old, 20 pound pit bull puppy managed to chew the foot off a four-year-old with spinal bifida. Even Lucas County Dog Warden,

### Pit Bull Myths

**Locking Jaws:** Pit bulls jaws DO NOT lock, they are stronger, and thus have more power in their bite, but the jaws work just like any other dog. ([www.realtipitbull.com](http://www.realtipitbull.com))

**Big Brains:** The rumor that pit bulls' brains never stop growing and press against their skulls causing them to go berserk is also false. ([www.understand-a-bull.com](http://www.understand-a-bull.com))

**Killer Bites:** The myth that pit bulls have a bite pressure of 1,800 pounds per square inch is most definitely not true. The average dog has a bite pressure of 320 psi. The pit bull has less bite pressure than German Shepherds and Rottweilers. ([National Geographic](http://National Geographic))

Tom Skeldon, who has a reputation for being vehemently anti-pit bull, had to admit there's no way to even know how long the puppy had to chew in order to sever the foot.

This is not a vicious dog attack; it's a case of bad parenting, endangerment even, for leaving a teething puppy alone with a child who can't feel his legs.

I know what you news junkies are thinking: "But Amanda, what about the pit bull that mauled a woman and her cat on March 19?"

Oh, you mean the case of the woman who was dog-sitting a strange dog for a friend who had only had the dog for three

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## STAFF EDITORIAL | STUDENT DEBT

# Student loans create debt issue

It seems that only two certainties once you graduate college: you'll have to go out and find a job somewhere, and you'll have to spend the next 10 to 20 years paying off all the debt you accumulated in college.

Today's BG News addresses the issue of rising student debt, specifically student loans and the problems paying them off. According to Collegegrad.com, an entry level job Web site, 51 percent of student loan recipients said it would take them more than 10 years to pay off loans.

The issue of debt affects many who are currently enrolled in higher education. According to a November 2006 article in USA Today, two-thirds of this current generation carries some debt. Sixty percent of those polled said they felt that they faced tougher financial pressures than previous generations, while 30 percent worried frequently about their debt.

There's good reason for that kind of concern. The same article states that according to credit-reporting agency Experian, student loan balances rose 16 percent from past figures, to an average of \$14,379.

We at The BG News believe that students must be more informed about debt and how their financial decisions will further affect their debt. Making the minimum payments on-time is not just enough for students to make their way quickly and successfully out of debt from student loans and other financial burdens.

It is not only important that students know how to manage their debt, but how to avoid situations that will increase their debt, such as taking out unnecessary amounts of loans.

The University does offer a class in personal finance that is open to all undergraduate students, but only offers one session of the class in Fall 2007. We feel that the University should do more to help promote good financial planning and raise awareness on this important issue. Offering more sessions of the personal finance class and actively promoting it to students would be a good first step toward achieving this goal.

## YOU DECIDE

Do you think that students are informed enough about debt issues? Send an e-mail to [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com) and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

## DOG BITES

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days? Yeah, I seem to remember that one. The story was so sensationalized by the police and the local news station that I could actually feel my blood pressure rising.

This is a classic case of that second kind of dog owner I told you about. The kind that doesn't know that dogs will chase and kill small animals (kittens, rats, birds etc.) unless trained not to and introduced to any small animals it might be sharing its living environment with. The woman even admitted that the kitten got past her and into the basement (where the dog was being kept) on accident when she went downstairs to clean up.

Like I said, it's bad pet owners who are causing the bad rap for pit bulls, not the actual temperament of the dogs.

The American Temperament Test Society is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is the testing of all dog breeds, including mixed breeds, for aggressiveness. As of December 2006, the ATTS has tested over 27,000 dogs. Of these, they've tested 542 American Pit Bull Terriers, 61 Staffordshire Bull Terriers and 521 American Staffordshire Terriers. Of these 1,124 animals, 84.4 percent of them passed the test.

At first glance, this may not seem like a significant

## DOG BITE STATISTICS

Dog bites bad enough to be investigated by the Lucas County Dog Warden in 2006.

- Pit Bulls: 86
- Labrador Retrievers: 75
- German Shepherds: 50
- Chow Chows: 31

*Disclaimer: The Lucas County Dog Warden, Tom Swanson says there are many more pit bulls than last year in Toledo.*

enough percentage, until you consider that of all the breeds of dog which have had at least 100 animals tested, 35 breeds scored lower passing rates than pit bulls, including Border Collies (80 percent), Cocker Spaniels (81.7 percent), Doberman Pinschers (76.8 percent), Giant Schnauzers (74.6 percent) and Shetland Sheepdogs (67.3 percent). As a matter of fact, the overall passing rate for all 27,000 dogs is only 81.5 percent, three percent lower than that of pit bulls.

All dogs have the potential to be dangerous. The bigger the dog, the more dangerous they could be, but it all depends on training and ownership. Don't blame the breed for the faults of the owner. As author and dog trainer Brian Kilcommons said in a ABC news article: "We are looking at the wrong end of the leash."

Send comments to Amanda Hoover at [hooama@bgsuedu](mailto:hooama@bgsuedu).

## STAFF EDITORIAL | BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIV

# Choose to become an organ donor

U-WIRE — Jon M. Huntsman said, "True giving is doing something for someone who can never repay you." Tuesday morning, Erin Herrin of North Salt Lake gave her 5-year-old daughter, Maliyah Herrin, a kidney.

The transplant procedure was particularly perilous because Maliyah and her sister were conjoined twins until eight months ago — she's never had a kidney of her own. So far, doctors at Primary Medical Center call the transplant procedure a success.

The high-profile kidney transplant surgery came at the beginning of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month. The calendar is riddled with numerous awareness events — some more important than others — but this is certainly a special time to consider the amount of good one individual can do by choosing to be a donor.

According to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, a total of 14,724 people donated and 28,931 organ transplants were completed in the United

States during 2006. Currently, 95,798 people are on the waiting list for organ donations. The demand for able and willing organ donors is a need that won't fade away as new names continually appear on the list of people in need of a transplant. If you are not already a registered donor, we strongly encourage you to apply.

Understandably, there are a few limits to who can be a donor. People who are HIV positive or have cancer cannot be considered for donation. Certain medical conditions may be taken into consideration, but doctors will evaluate those conditions based on the circumstances. In addition, people under the age of 18 need their legal guardian's permission. But beyond that, there is no limit on who can register.

If you choose to become a registered donor, discuss the issue with your family. Let them know your desire to give to others so if any unforeseen misfortune strikes, they will be able to honor your desire to do something for someone that person can't do for himself.

## AFFECTION

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and an increasing need to show affection to others in our physical environment," according to the study's results.

However, these results were not seen during any other season of the year. These patterns seem to arise only in the spring-time, which the researchers say is based on the rising hormonal patterns that occur in both animals and people during the warm months of spring.

And although not everyone is aware of these mind-boggling effects on our systems during the few warm weather spells Ohio decides to give us, one can

certainly see their effects by just walking outside, or in that matter, opening up a newspaper.

According to an article recently published in The News Herald, springtime is one of the easiest times to plan a date, whether it is a romantic outdoor excursion or a simple walk in the park.

And not only does spring offer perfect and beautiful backgrounds for that special time with your loved one, but it also offers heartfelt gifts that are completely free.

According to the article, "Spontaneous gift giving shouldn't be limited to the spring, but if you don't do this already, the spring is the perfect time to start. Grabbing a flower from the neighbor's yard isn't

always recommended, but you may not have to go far from your home or your partner's home, to find that perfect pretty background to the love scene you want to create."

Clearly, springtime is the perfect season for love.

If the weather warms back up in the next few weeks, show your significant other you care. Buy flowers. Take a walk together. Spend some time alone outdoors.

But I hope my message still comes through loud and clear when it comes to raunchy public displays of affection.

Next time, get a room.

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**UNDER FIRE:** In this Oct. 23, 2003, file photo, a Wal-Mart sign stands in front of the Wal-Mart Stores Inc. headquarters in Bentonville, Ark. A fired Wal-Mart security worker confirmed a newspaper interview Wednesday in which he said he was part of a surveillance operation that spied on company workers, critics, shareholders and consultants. The company defended its security practices.

# Wal-Mart in trouble again

By Marcus Kabel  
The Associated Press

A fired Wal-Mart security worker confirmed a newspaper interview yesterday in which he said he was part of a large surveillance operation that spied on company workers, critics, vendors and consultants. The company defended its security practices.

The world's largest retailer declined to comment on specific allegations made by former security technician Bruce Gabbard, 44, to the Wall Street Journal in a report published yesterday. Wal-Mart reiterated that it had fired Gabbard and his supervisor last month for violating company policy by recording phone calls and intercepting pager messages.

"Like most major corporations, it is our corporate responsibility to have systems in place, including software systems, to monitor threats to our network, intellectual property and our people," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Sarah Clark said.

Gabbard was fired after recording phone calls to and from a New York Times reporter and intercepting pager messages.

Gabbard and his former supervisor, Jason Hamilton, who was also fired, have declined repeated requests from The Associated Press to talk about their security activities.

In a text message to The Associated Press yesterday, Gabbard confirmed the allegations that he was part of a broader surveillance operation approved by the company. The team, the Threat Research

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Sarah Clark | Spokeswoman

and Analysis Group, was a unit of Wal-Mart's Information Systems Division.

"I can confirm everything in the WSJ story is correct except the glass wall comment which I didn't make," Gabbard wrote, referring to a description of the Threat Group's glass-enclosed work area at Wal-Mart's Bentonville, Ark., headquarters, which the Journal said employees had nicknamed "The Bat Cave."

Wal-Mart's Clark noted that the company had gone public with Gabbard's phone monitoring and had self-reported the issue to federal prosecutors to determine if any laws had been broken.

"These situations are limited to cases which are high risk to the company or our associates, such as criminal fraud or security issues," she said.

Wal-Mart's union-backed

critics, whom Gabbard identified as among the surveillance targets, accused the retailer of being "paranoid, childish and desperate."

"They should stop playing with spy toys and take the criticism of their business model seriously. The success of the company depends on it," said Nu Wexler, spokesman for Wal-Mart Watch. According to the Wall Street Journal report, the company found personal photos of Wexler and tracked his plans to attend Wal-Mart's annual meeting.

Companies increasingly are monitoring their employees, said Larry Ponemon, founder of The Ponemon Institute, a research foundation that focuses on privacy and data protection practices of companies, but surveilling vendors and consultants is "beyond the realm of what legitimate companies do," he said.

"(Wal-Mart) seems like an organization that has a culture that doesn't trust its employees and it certainly doesn't trust its vendors or consultants," said Ponemon.

Gabbard told the newspaper that Wal-Mart sent an employee to infiltrate an anti-Wal-Mart group to learn if it was going to protest at the annual shareholders' meeting and investigated McKinsey & Co. employees it believed leaked a memo about Wal-Mart's health care plans.

The company also used software programs to read e-mails sent by workers using private e-mail accounts whenever they were hooked up to the Wal-Mart computer network, he said.

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lic peer-reviewed papers, you should brush it off."

Art Samel, chair of the geography department and a panelist, said the film is an effective source of information for the real facts.

"I think he really crystallizes the issue so that it is not too technical," he said. "It's data. It's not a person, it's data and that's where the truth lies."

According to the Vincent, students are the ones with the edu-

cation to influence the world.

"I think we can get involved, but we can only do so much," said Allison Macko, freshman. "But it seems almost inevitable."

Students must learn to sift through all the information out there, Samel said.

"That's why as students, it's so important to us professors, that when you get out of here, you can discern," he said. "You are the ones who are going to have to do it."

Sheila Roberts, chair of the geology department and a panelist, said everything we do adds

up over time.

"One thing we can all do is walk to places more," she said.

Vincent suggests finding somewhere to live that is close to a job.

"Your carbon footprint will be a lot smaller than those who have to commute a long way," he said.

According to Samel, in order to move forward we must go backwards. If we really get going, though, we may be able to develop the technology to take the carbon out, he said.

"[Students] are our hope," Vincent said.

## REGENTS

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in a months time. The House voted in favor of House Bill 2 with the overwhelming majority of 96-2.

Carano said it was a wise decision since "all other boards are advisory boards."

Currently, the Senate Education Committee is deliberating over Senate Bill 2.

Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), a member of that committee, said the Senate would have to make a compromise

with the bill by adding amendments, since the House did not.

"It's not good policy to give authority to one single person," Gardner said.

Gardner does not think the powers of the Ohio Board of Regents would be taken away, but he does support the governor's request to appoint the chancellor.

The second bill, House Bill 85, essentially allows the governor to appoint the chancellor, but that chancellor is still responsible to the Board of Regents.

"It gives the Board of Regents additional powers to go to the

universities and say we recommend that you drop this program," Weiss said.

His personal guess is that Strickland, the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate will favor House Bill 2/ Senate Bill 2 and the Board of Regents will favor House Bill 85.

A major concern for local trustees of Ohio schools, such as the University, is whether or not they will lose authority in making policy.

"Neither bill hurts them or helps them," according to Carano.

## FUNDS

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— With his \$14 million, former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., could fund nearly 3,500 maximum-award Pell Grants for college students. Or he could foot a full year of tuition and fees for more than 2,700 freshmen at North Carolina State University, his undergraduate alma mater.

— Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., just back from Iraq, could buy top-flight new body armor for American troops there. It's tough to say how many of the Improved Outer Tactical Vests McCain could afford, because the Army hasn't released their

price yet, but press reports suggest he could probably score at least 12,000 suits of the old model.

Even big money has its limits. The \$15 million raised by Rudolph Giuliani, the Republican former mayor of New York City, could only build five miles of a planned U.S.-Mexican border fence, congressional estimates suggest. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's \$21 million wouldn't make for much of a tax break: about \$8 and change for every taxpayer in his home state, which isn't enough for a standing-room ticket to Fenway Park.

Of course, donors had politics in mind when they broke out the checkbooks or the PayPal

last month. They wanted to help candidates hire staff and fund ads, particularly with a multi-state super primary looming next Feb. 5 that will test even the richest of campaigns.

The campaign largess has some in Washington eyeing attempts to reign in some campaign spending. That includes Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who introduced a bill last month to publicly finance Senate races.

Others see no problem. John Samples, an analyst at the Cato Institute, said more money shows the country is getting wealthier and the presidential election more competitive. "Both of those strike me as good things," he said.

# Woman makes tear-filled apology in court over the death of her son

CINCINNATI (AP) — A woman who had been scolded by a judge who said she did not seem sorry for the death of her 3-year-old foster son could barely speak through sobs in another courtroom Wednesday when she professed her remorse and love for the child.

Liz Carroll, convicted of murdering Marcus Fiesel by leaving him bound cocoon-like in a closet, pleaded no contest in a separate case accusing her of trying to cover up the death by faking the boy's disappearance.

Through tears, Carroll apologized to Judge Alex Triantafyllou in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court.

"I just want to say that I am so sorry for my lies and the panic and the pain that they caused, and I hope that you can forgive me," she said. "I lied to protect my other babies."

Carroll, 31, pleaded no contest to charges of making false alarms, inducing panic and perjury. The charges resulted from a dayslong search for the boy in August by authorities and thousands of volunteers at a park in suburban Anderson Township.

The search began after

**"Even to this day, the only remorse is that guilty and not for the death of this child."**

Robert Ringland | Judge

Carroll and her husband, David Carroll Jr., said the developmentally disabled Fiesel, wandered off or was taken from the park. Authorities later discovered the story was a ruse and that the boy had died after being left in the closet at the family's Cincinnati-area home for two days while the couple attended a family reunion in Kentucky.

When called to testify before a grand jury in Hamilton County, Liz Carroll first stuck to her story that the boy had disappeared but then admitted that she knew he had died in the closet where they left him wrapped in a blanket and packing tape.

A Clermont County jury on Feb. 21 found Carroll guilty of murder, involuntary manslaughter, kidnapping, felonious assault and three charges of child endangering. She was

sentenced to 54 years to life in prison.

In the Hamilton County case, Triantafyllou sentenced her to 14 1/2 years in prison, with the sentence to run concurrent with her other prison time.

Carroll's emotional apology Wednesday contrasted with her demeanor during the Clermont County trial, when Judge Robert Ringland told Carroll he never heard her say she was sorry about the boy's death.

"There has never been a sincere concern for Marcus Fiesel," Ringland said at her sentencing. "Even to this day, the only remorse is that you are being found guilty and not for the death of this child."

After his wife's conviction, David Carroll Jr. pleaded guilty in Clermont County to charges of murder and gross abuse of a corpse and was sentenced to 16 years to life in prison. He admitted his role in binding the boy and later burning his body and dumping the remains into the Ohio River.

As part of his Clermont County plea deal, charges of inducing panic and making false alarms in Hamilton County were dismissed.

# Edwards receives good news on cancer diagnosis

By Nedra Pickler  
The Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Elizabeth Edwards said Tuesday that she got some good news: She has a type of cancer that is more likely to be controlled by anti-estrogen drugs.

Mrs. Edwards, wife of Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, expressed frustration with reports that she's likely to die within five years. She said doctors can't give her a reliable life expectancy and even if they could, the information would be of no comfort to her.

"I don't care," she said in an interview with The Associated Press as she campaigned with her husband. "I'm going to fight exactly as hard if they tell me that I've got 15 years or if I've got 30 years. I'm still going to



AP PHOTO

**NEW HOPE:** Elizabeth Edwards, wife of Presidential hopeful John Edwards.

fight to get rid of this — if they tell me I've got 15 minutes I'm still going to fight. It doesn't matter what the prognosis is. So it's not an important piece of information to me."

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## Tax day looms large in students' minds

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — To add to the many student frustrations of looming deadlines for papers and exams, April 15 is another date for students to dread: Taxes are due.

The process of filing tax returns can be challenging for even the most intelligent of people, not to mention those who have never done it before.

One of the most notoriously frustrating parts of filing taxes is filling out the forms, said Gary Vojtush, freshman education major.

"I think that they (taxes) should be easier to file and made much more convenient for people," Vojtush said.

With all the different forms to fill in and all the calculations to make, filing can be downright confusing. Fortunately for Vojtush and other students, help is always within reach — and not always capitalized on.

"We don't get a lot of college students coming in here," said Maryellen Hinchman, a consultant at the Kent, Ohio, H&R Block.

Hinchman, who has been working at H&R Block for seven years, said Ohio has a unique

**"The best tip I can give college students is to talk to their parents before filing. ... By law, if you are under 24 and a full-time student your parents could claim you."**

Maryellen Hinchman | Consultant at H&R Block

tax system. Ohio taxes income on a graduated scale, which means the more income a person makes, the more taxes he or she will pay. Hinchman also said there are a lot of credits the average person may not be aware of.

The H&R Block Web site (www.hrblock.com) offers a variety of resources to those who want to file their own taxes. The site provides information and answers to questions on everything from planning for college to retirement — even a personalized tax calculator. For a fee, H&R Block also offers online assistance with a consultant.

Students can bring in forms to any branch if they have questions. Consultants will look over all the forms and make corrections or point out places

where deductions or credits could be made.

On its Web site, www.irs.gov, the IRS also offers tips on filing and filling out forms, information and downloadable forms. The site also allows users to look up nearby tax centers in case they have any questions or concerns.

Although paper forms are still popular, both H&R Block and the IRS advocate filing tax returns online. Filing online makes the process a bit simpler, but it could still be easier.

"The best tip I can give college students is to talk to their parents before filing," Hinchman said. "It is not beneficial to file separate returns from parents because by law if you are under 24 and a full-time student, your parents could claim you as a dependent."



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## Poets, singers, artists and others

**BUSTIN' RHYMES:** Does BG have talent? Students listen to the poetry of Robin Bryant during the "BG's Got Talent" contest in the pub last night. Poetry and guitar players/singers seemed to dominate the night.

## RIAA crack down scare many students

By Sam Oches  
U-WIRE

ATHENS — The RIAA's recent crusade against illegal music downloads has sent fear across Ohio University's campus, but the threat of lawsuit should not stop students from searching for alternative, legal sources of online music. Several Web sites offer legal access to free music, as well as tools to find new music to fit listeners' tastes.

The RIAA's Web site claims that college students illegally downloaded more than 1.3 billion music tracks in 2006 using peer-to-peer, or P2P, programs such as Limewire. According to a March 9 Post article, the RIAA has been pursuing only users of P2P networks. These networks are not the only means to free online music. MP3s, the files to which songs are compressed, can be found all over the Internet.

**"As unfair as [the] ... lawsuits may seem, it's important to realize that it's punishment for the law as it stands now. ... It's a good idea ... to seek out ... legal means to download."**

Matt Jordan | "You Ain't No Picasso" Blog Member

According to the site MP3-Converter.com, online MP3s are completely legal unless the music is copyrighted, which is the case for most popular music.

Hundreds of blogs online update daily with available MP3 downloads. Most blogs offer downloads of independent or underground music in order to avoid copyright infringement and offer a spot to find new tunes. Matt Jordan of the blog "You Ain't No Picasso" said that legal MP3s are a good alternative for online downloads.

"As unfair as (the RIAA's) lawsuits must seem, it's important to realize that it's punishment for the law as it stands now," he said. "That's why it's a good idea to seek out alternative, legal means to download songs."

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**FREEDOM:** Between Iranian officials and security men, British navy personnel, seized by Iran, make their way to meet with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, April 4, 2007. Ahmadinejad announced that his government would release the 15 detained British sailors and marines Wednesday as an Easter season gift to the British people.

## Crisis ends, British sailors released

By Nasser Karimi  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad defused a growing confrontation with Britain, announcing the surprise release of 15 captive British sailors yesterday and then gleefully accepting the crew's thanks and handshakes in what he called an Easter gift.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed "profound relief" over the peaceful end to the 13-day crisis. "Throughout we have taken a measured approach — firm but calm, not negotiating, but not confronting either," Blair said in London, adding a message to the Iranian people that "we bear you no ill will."

The announcement in Tehran was a breakthrough in a crisis that had escalated over nearly two weeks, raising oil prices and fears of military conflict in the volatile region. The move to release the sailors suggested that Iran's hard-line leader-

**"Throughout we have taken a measured approach — firm but calm, not negotiating, but not confronting either ... we bear you no ill will (to the Iranian people)."**

Tony Blair | British Prime Minister

ship decided it had shown its strength but did not want to push the standoff too far.

Iran did not get the main thing it sought — a public apology for entering Iranian waters. Britain, which said its crew was in Iraqi waters when seized, insists it never offered a quid pro quo, either, instead relying on quiet diplomacy.

Syria, Iran's close ally, said it played a role in winning the release. "Syria exercised a sort of quiet diplomacy to solve this problem and encourage dialogue between the two parties," Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said in Damascus.

The announcement of the

release came hours after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met with President Bashar Assad in Damascus, trying to show that a U.S. dialogue with Syria — rejected by the Bush administration — could bring benefits for the Middle East. The British sailors were not part of their talks, and it was not clear if the release was timed to coincide with her visit.

Iran's official news agency said the British crew was to leave Iran by plane today at 8 a.m. By yesterday evening they had still not been handed over to the British Embassy in Tehran and the embassy said it was not clear where they would spend the night.



ROB GRIFFITH | AP PHOTO

**TAKING COVER:** Villagers atop a small hill outside the town of Munda in the Solomon Islands, take refuge from the possibility of rising waters or tsunami-like waves.

## Munda residents set up camp, take cover from tsunami

By Meraiah Foley  
Associated Press Writer

MUNDA, Solomon Islands — Men perched on rocks peered out to sea through binoculars at a camp near the Solomon Islands town of Munda yesterday, watching for another deadly wave.

The camp is one of many that have sprung up in hills behind towns hit by Monday's tsunami and earthquake. With strong aftershocks still jolting the region, the 40 families huddled there were afraid to come down, though some had run out of water.

"There's no water to wash, no water to drink," said Esther Zekele, who fled with her husband and five children to the camp on Monday as the sea surged into Munda, on the western island of Gizo.

On Wednesday, they ventured back for a sack of rice to replace the one they brought with them, now half gone. But when they heard a rumor that

another wave was coming, they took to the hills again.

The fears of another tsunami have made it difficult for officials to determine the number of victims and get aid to the homeless. And aftershocks were pushing some survivors even deeper into the hills.

"People are in a panic because of the continuous tremors," said Rex Tara, a disaster management specialist with British-based aid agency Oxfam.

At least 28 people were killed by tsunami and magnitude-8 earthquake and authorities were checking unconfirmed reports of further deaths, including six people buried in a landslide on Simbo, another island in this South Pacific nation.

Authorities have no firm figure for the missing, but Solomon's deputy police commissioner Peter Marshall said aerial surveillance flights in the past two days had revealed "no evidence of mass deaths."

## Violence continues as Shiites venture into Sunni territory

By Kim Gamel  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Heavily armed gunmen yesterday abducted 22 Shiite shepherds who were tending thousands of sheep and had wandered into a dangerous Sunni area west of Baghdad, while six power plant workers were gunned down in northern Iraq.

The attacks reflected the spread of sectarian violence outside Baghdad as violence declines in the capital, where a U.S.-Iraqi security crackdown is in its eighth week.

The shepherds had traveled from the Shiite holy city of Karbala to a greener stretch of land in the vast area around Amariyah, some 25 miles west of Baghdad in the Sunni-dominated Anbar province, Karbala

**"I suddenly realized ... that Sunnis were attacking us."**

Unknown | Shiite Shepherd

police spokesman Rahman Mishawi said.

A shepherd who escaped the attack said about 20 men with automatic rifles drove up in vehicles and opened fire on the group as their several thousand sheep were grazing.

"I suddenly realized that we must be near Amariyah and that Sunnis were attacking us," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. "Six of us were able to flee in our pickup but unfortunately they kidnapped 22 friends of mine and stole our sheep."

## WORLD BRIEFS

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

### Sunnis open fire, kill six men

BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on a minibus carrying power plant workers yesterday in a predominantly Sunni area west of Kirkuk, killing six men, officials said. West of Baghdad, 22 shepherds were abducted.

A suicide car bomber and a mortar attack also hit a police station being manned by U.S. and Iraqi forces in the Shiite Sadr City enclave in Baghdad, wounding two policemen and two civilians, police said.

Concrete barriers prevented the attacker from reaching the building, but he detonated his explosives at the first checkpoint, about 350 yards away.

### Chrysler confident of profitability

BERLIN (AP) — DaimlerChrysler AG is confident a turnaround program at its Chrysler unit will return the beleaguered American brand to profitability, but Chairman Dieter Zetsche said yesterday the automaker is in talks with unidentified potential buyers.

"As announced on Feb. 14, we are open to all options for future collaboration with Chrysler," he told some 9,000 shareholders crammed inside Berlin's exhibition center. "The statement is still true today."

### Chinese children face danger of being sold

BEIJING (AP) — Rural Chinese children are increasingly at risk of being sold or forced to become beggars, petty thieves or sex workers as their farmer parents flock to cities in search of work, a rights advocate said Tuesday.

China has a thriving black market in girls and women who are sold as brides, as well as babies who are abducted or bought from poor families for sale to childless couples or those who have one child and want more.

China says it has cracked down harshly on these sorts of child trafficking cases and the trend is decreasing.

But Kate Wedgwood, Save the Children's country director for China and North Korea, said there are no reliable figures for the number of children being trafficked and the continued mass migration from farms to cities is sure to make the problem worse.

### Tsunami victims could face food shortage

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (AP) — The first boatloads of international aid reached survivors of a devastating tsunami in the Solomon Islands on Tuesday, but officials warned of a dire food shortage if supplies don't quickly get to hundreds of people camped on remote hillsides.

At least 28 people died in Monday's tsunami and quake, measured at a magnitude of 8.1 by the U.S. Geological Survey. The victims include a bishop and three worshippers killed when a wave hit a church.

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## Pelosi attempts peace with Syria, Bush disapproves

By Zeina Karam  
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held talks with Syria's leader yesterday despite White House objections, saying she pressed President Bashar Assad over his country's support for militant groups and passed him a peace message from Israel.

The meeting was an attempt to push the Bush administration to open a direct dialogue with Syria, a step that the White House has rejected. Congressional Democrats insist the U.S. attempts to isolate Syria have failed to force the Assad government to change its policies.

Rep. Tom Lantos, the head of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who was in Pelosi's delegation, said the meeting "reinforced very strongly" the potential benefits of talking to Syria. "This is only the beginning of our constructive dialogue with Syria and we hope to build on this visit," he told reporters.

On Tuesday, President Bush denounced Pelosi's visit to Syria, saying it sends mixed signals to Assad's government. "Sending delegations doesn't work. It's simply been counterproductive," Bush said.

Washington says Syria is fueling Iraq's violence by allowing Sunni insurgents to operate from its territory. It also accuses it of backing terrorism because of its support for the Hezbollah and Hamas militant groups and

**Nancy Pelosi**  
House speaker who passed a peace message to Syria's leader

of destabilizing the Lebanese government.

"We came in friendship, hope, and determined that the road to Damascus is a road to peace," Pelosi told reporters after her talks with Assad.

Pelosi said she and her delegation "expressed our concern about Syria's connections to Hezbollah and Hamas" and discussed the issue of militant fighters slipping across the Syrian border into Iraq.

"These are important issues not only in the fight against terrorism but important priorities for us for peace in the Middle East," she said.

She said she brought a message to Assad from Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert that Israel was ready for peace talks with Syria. Assad gave assurances that "he's ready to engage in negotiations for peace with Israel," Pelosi said. She later left Syria and arrived in Saudi Arabia, meeting with King Abdullah, a top U.S. ally.

During a visit to Israel on Sunday, Olmert told Pelosi that Israel was seeking peace, "but that this would only be possible if Syria abandoned terror and stopped providing assistance to terror groups," an Israeli government official said.

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# New decision gives DNA evidence another chance

By Erica Ryan  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A trial court can decide when a prison inmate applies for DNA testing whether prosecutors must determine if DNA evidence is available or whether the inmate must first show that negative results would likely overturn a conviction, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The 6-1 decision means trial courts can apply parts of a state law allowing post-conviction DNA testing for certain inmates differently depending on the facts of each case.

"Here, the legislature has dictated two duties to the trial courts of this state but has failed to sequence the order in which trial judges are to address these duties," Justice Terrence O'Donnell wrote in the majority opinion.

The ruling was made in the case of inmate Paul Buehler, whose application for DNA testing was denied in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court without prosecutors determining whether genetic material from the crime scene was still available for testing. The judge

ruled that Buehler first had to show a negative test result would have led to his acquittal, and the court decided DNA testing could not disprove prosecutors' arguments at trial about his involvement in the 1985 bludgeoning death of Joan O'Brien.

The 8th Ohio District Court of Appeals overturned that decision, saying in a 2-1 ruling that a part of the law required the trial court to order the prosecutor to report on the availability of DNA evidence before making a decision. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case because of a conflicting decision in another case that came before the 9th District appeals court.

The Supreme Court decided allowing trial courts to use discretion was the Legislature's intent and overturned the 8th District court's decision.

O'Donnell wrote that the parts of the law are not in conflict because failure to fulfill one aspect makes the other moot — if a negative test result would not change the case's outcome, there would be no need to track down DNA evidence, and if there's no remaining genetic evidence, no testing could be performed, no matter its possible effect.

**THE DECISION:** The Ohio Supreme Court ruled yesterday that trial courts can decide when a prison inmate applies for DNA testing whether prosecutors must determine what DNA evidence is available or whether the inmate must first show negative results would likely overturn the conviction.

**THE CASE:** Inmate Paul Buehler's application for DNA testing was denied without prosecutors determining whether genetic material from the crime scene was still available for testing. The trial judge ruled that Buehler first had to show a negative test result would have led to his acquittal, which the court held he didn't. An appeals court ruled the trial judge was required to order the prosecutor to report on the availability of DNA evidence before making a decision.

**THE IMPACT:** Trial courts can ultimately grant inmates' applications for DNA testing only if they show a strong probability they would have been acquitted with a negative result, but the decision gives the courts more discretion on how cases are handled.



CRAIG HOLMAN | AP PHOTO

**OSU LANDMARK:** The James Cancer Center is the tall building at the right. Backers of the cancer center believe a proposed \$500 million expansion has been derailed and are hoping a university review will address their concerns. The complaints pit a team of heavy-hitting Ohio State fundraisers against the director of the university's top-ranked medical center.

## OSU Medical Center expansion cutback sparks debate

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Backers of the Ohio State University cancer center believe a proposed \$500 million expansion has been derailed and are hoping a university review will address their concerns.

The complaints pit a team of heavy-hitting Ohio State fundraisers against the director of the university's top-ranked medical center.

The debate began with a letter to Ohio state officials in which founders and backers of the James Cancer Center argued that the center's original expansion plan was being unnecessarily merged with an expansion plan for the entire medical center, which includes the James center.

"We cannot afford to allow the Medical Center leadership to pursue a dangerous path which in our view undermines The James' ability to build and enhance its clear record of excellence," said the Jan. 24 letter sent to Ohio

**"We cannot afford to allow the Medical Center leadership to pursue a dangerous path which in our view undermines The James' ability to build and enhance its clear record of excellence."**

Letter to Ohio State University officials

State President Karen Holbrook, trustees and Fred Sanfilippo, medical center director.

"These issues must be resolved," Holbrook said in a Feb. 19 letter to the cancer center fundraisers.

The university, the nation's largest, is spending \$772,500 on two consultants studying the entire medical center expansion plan.

The overall expansion will cost about \$780 million, including changes to the cancer center. That includes about \$680 million in university debt and \$100 million in donations.

The university had already

intended to hire the consultants and the decision was not a result of the complaints, William Shkurti, Ohio State's senior vice president for business and finance, said Wednesday.

The university hired the consultants because of the complexity of the medical center expansion and to make sure it's financially successful and a benefit to patients, he said.

Shkurti plans to outline the consultants' hiring to trustees Friday.

Backers of the cancer center said it's important that it remain an independently run organization.

## STATE BRIEF

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### Shooter still unknown

CLEVELAND (AP) — Shots fired from a car interrupted a rally of community groups calling for an end to violence in their inner-city neighborhood, and police a short time later wounded a gunman in a separate incident in the same neighborhood.

Police said yesterday they have not determined who fired the shots from a car near the rally.

But the police shooting of a gunman Tuesday occurred about a quarter-mile west of a peace rally held in memory of 13-year-old Terrance Allen, who was shot in the back and killed Friday while heading home from Wade Park Elementary School.

Police are searching for the person who killed him.

## Indian tribe denied land, casino ownership

TOLEDO (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by an Indian tribe that wants to build the first casinos in Ohio.

U.S. District Judge James Carr also decided against approving settlements that would have given the Eastern Shawnee of Oklahoma some land rights.

The tribe sued Ohio two years ago, seeking to regain land in Ohio that it left in the 1830s. The tribe was seeking land or water rights in or near the cities of Lima, Botkins, Canal Fulton, Lordstown and Monroe.

Their goal was to negotiate a

deal to open casinos in towns where they are wanted.

In the ruling issued Tuesday, Carr said he dismissed the proposed settlements because approving them could be perceived as endorsing the proposition that the settlements resolve land claims.

Attorneys for the state objected to both the tribe's proposed settlements and the lawsuit.

"If Indian gaming is ever to exist in the state of Ohio, it will only come by way of the Constitution and state and federal law, not by sham lawsuits," said Attorney General Marc Dann.

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# Soldiers killed by friendly fire

Officials still investigating

By Lolita C. Baldor  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two soldiers killed in Iraq in February may have died as a result of friendly fire, Army officials said yesterday.

The Army said it is investigating the deaths of Pvt. Matthew Zeimer, 18, of Glendive, Mont., and Spc. Alan E. McPeck, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., who were killed in Ramadi, in western Iraq, on Feb. 2. The families of the two soldiers were initially told they were killed by enemy fire.

According to Army Col. Daniel Baggio, unit commanders in Iraq did not at first suspect they were killed by U.S. forces, but an investigation by the unit concluded that may be the case.

A supplemental report filed Feb. 28 suggested that the initial reports might be wrong but that an investigation was still under way, he said. It took another



**FOLLOW THE LEADER:** Iraqi army's 3rd battalion troops get ready to leave for Baghdad from their base in Tuz Khormato, 210 kilometers (130 miles) north of Baghdad, Wednesday, April 4, 2007. The battalion moved to the capital Wednesday as a part of the new security operations.

YAHYA AHMED | AP PHOTO

month before the families of the two soldiers were told, on March 31, that friendly fire was suspected.

Yesterday's disclosure comes on the heels of the announcement last week that nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat

Tillman in Afghanistan. The military found no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player.

Three other soldiers were wounded in the incident that killed Zeimer and McPeck. There has been no indication whether they were also hit by friendly forces.

According to published

reports at the time of the incident, McPeck, Zeimer and other soldiers came under attack by insurgents at their outpost in central Ramadi. A report in the Army Times newspaper said the two soldiers ran to a roof to fight back, but a shot was fired through a concrete wall near them and the impact killed them.

## Director dies with son in traffic collision

By Jeremiah Marquez  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Film director Robert Clark, best known for the beloved holiday classic "A Christmas Story," was killed with his son yesterday in a car wreck, the filmmaker's assistant and police said.

Clark, 67, and son Ariel Hanrath-Clark, 22, were killed in the accident in Pacific Palisades, said Lyne Leavy, Clark's personal assistant.

The two men were in an Infiniti that collided head-on with a GMC Yukon around 2:30 a.m. PST, said Lt. Paul Vernon, a police spokesman. The driver of the other car was under the influence of alcohol and was driving without a license, Vernon said.

The driver, Hector Velazquez-



**Robert Clark**  
Directed "A Christmas Story," "Loose Cannons"

Nava, 24, of Los Angeles, remained hospitalized and will be booked for investigation of gross vehicular manslaughter after being treated, Vernon said. A female passenger in his car also was taken to the hospital with minor injuries and released, police said.

In Clark's most famous film, all 9-year-old Ralphie Parker wants for Christmas is an official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot range model air rifle.

His mother, teacher and Santa Claus all warn: "You'll shoot your

eye out, kid."

A school bully named Scut Farkus, a leg lamp, a freezing flagpole mishap and some four-letter defiance helped the movie become a seasonal fixture with "It's A Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

Clark specialized in horror movies and thrillers early in his career, directing such 1970s flicks as "Children Shouldn't Play With Dead Things," "Murder by Decree," "Breaking Point" and "Black Christmas," which was remade last year.

His breakout success came with 1981's sex farce "Porky's," a coming-of-age romp that he followed two years later with "Porky's II: The Next Day."

In 1983, "A Christmas Story" marked a career high for Clark. Darrin McGavin, Melinda Dillon

and Peter Billingsley starred in the adaptation of Jean Shepard's childhood memoir of a boy in the 1940s.

The film was a modest theatrical success, but critics loved it.

In 1994, Clark directed a forgettable sequel, "It Runs in the Family," featuring Charles Grodin, Mary Steenburgen and Kieran Culkin in a continuation of Shepard's memoirs.

In recent years, Clark made family comedies that were savaged by critics, including "Karate Dog," "Baby Geniuses" and its sequel, "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2."

Among Clark's other movies were Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton's "Rhinestone," Timothy Hutton's "Turk 182," and Gene Hackman and Dan Aykroyd's "Loose Cannons."

## Law to allow easier tests for some

By Nancy Zuckerbrod  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is letting more children with disabilities take simplified tests under the No Child Left Behind education law.

The change, outlined in final regulations Wednesday, would triple the number of children who can take tests that are easier than those given to most students under the 2002 law.

Roughly 10 percent of special education students — those with the most serious cognitive disabilities — currently can take simplified, alternative tests and have the results count toward a school's annual progress goals.

Under the new rules, about an additional 20 percent of children with disabilities could take alternative tests and have those count toward a school's progress goals.

The new tests are for children who are not severely disabled but who have been unable to work on grade level at the same pace as their peers because of disabilities, such as some forms of dyslexia.

The new tests will not be as easy as those given to the children already exempted from the regular tests. But the tests will not be as hard as those given to typical students. Federal officials said the new tests would provide educators with a more meaningful way to measure what some students with disabilities know and can do.

"It's an option for those children whose needs are not being met under the current system," the deputy education secretary, Raymond Simon, said Wednesday.

The change means 3 percent of all children — or roughly 30 percent of all children with disabilities — will be allowed to be tested on standards geared for them.

The No Child Left Behind law is up for renewal in Congress this year and lawmakers, educators and the public have pushed for changes.

Simon said the administration would like to see the new special education rules written into law when No Child Left Behind is updated.

## NATION BRIEFS

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

### Intern pleads guilty to stealing documents

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 40-year-old intern with the National Archives pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing 164 Civil War documents, including an official announcement of President Lincoln's death, and putting most of them up for sale on eBay.

Prosecutors said Denning McTague, who has master's degrees in history and library science, put about 150 of the documents online and had shipped about half of them.

All but three of the items, worth an estimated \$30,000 in all, have since been recovered.

McTague told investigators that he used a yellow legal pad to sneak the documents out while working at the National Archives and Records Administration last summer. As an unpaid intern, he had been responsible for arranging and organizing documents in preparation for the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

### American-born Taliban soldier wants shorter sentence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The lawyer and parents of American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh asked President Bush yesterday to commute his 20-year prison term, citing the case of an Australian man who was sentenced to less than a year for aiding terrorism. Lindh, 26, was captured in Afghanistan in November 2001 by American forces sent to topple the Taliban after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was charged with conspiring to kill Americans and support terrorists but pleaded guilty to lesser offenses, including carrying weapons against U.S. forces.

### Lennon's piano on tour for peace, arrived on Friday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — John Lennon's piano, on tour as a symbol of peace, was to arrive Friday to commemorate the anniversary of the death of civil-rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lennon composed his 1971 song "Imagine" on the Steinway upright piano, which was purchased by pop star George Michael in 2000 for \$2.1 million.

## Smith's doctor authorized all 11 prescription drugs

By Matt Sedensky  
The Associated Press



**Khristine Eroshech**  
Psychiatrist and friend of Anna Nicole Smith

MIAMI — One doctor authorized all 11 prescription medications found in Anna Nicole Smith's hotel room the day the Playboy Playmate died of a drug overdose, according to documents released by the medical examiner's office yesterday.

More than 600 pills — including about 450 muscle relaxants — were missing from prescriptions that were no more than five weeks old, according to information obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request.

It was unclear if Smith took all of them.

Dr. Khristine Eroshech, a psychiatrist and friend of the starlet's, authorized all the prescription medications in the Hollywood, Fla., hotel room where Smith was found unresponsive shortly before her death Feb. 8, the medical examiner's office said.

Eroshech had traveled with Smith to Florida.

Calls to Eroshech in Los Angeles were not immediately returned yesterday. Candis Cohen, a spokeswoman for the California Medical Board, would not comment on any probe into Eroshech; she said investigations of doctors are not public record.

Dr. Joshua Perper, Broward County's medical examiner, said two other doctors also prescribed Smith drugs, but those medications were not found in her hotel room.

The type of drugs found in Smith's system were disclosed with the release of her autopsy report last week, but the remarkable quantity of drugs she had was unclear until yesterday's release of



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## SIDELINES



## BASEBALL

**Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory off target in opener**

Dozens of mayors throw out opening pitches, like Detroit's Kwame Kilpatrick (above), but few fail to come within 10-feet of the intended target. The video is quickly circulating online, but Mallory's taking it all in stride. Read more on page 12.

## OUR CALL

**On the way up**

**Men's Basketball:** Kudos to the athletic department and Greg Christopher for going out and getting a coach who knows how to lead and how to win. Mr. Orr, you've got your work cut out for you.

**On the way down**

**Chance of Miller leaving:** As position after position is filled within the women's basketball coaching ranks, the chance BG's beloved coach Curt Miller will leave decreases, which is OK by us.

**The List**

Barry Bonds connected with home run No. 756, leaving only 21 more until he passes the legendary Hank Aaron. Here's a quick refresher on what the all-time home run list looks like these days:

**1. Hank Aaron:**

The number is 755 folks — the number established by the greatest home run hitter there ever was.

**2. Barry Bonds:** How uneventful is his breaking of this record going to be? He'll likely end this season as the all-time leader in home runs, but in many minds that won't mean a whole lot.

**3. Babe Ruth:** Nothing quite like a guy who could go out for a night on the town, wake up in time for the first pitch and still dominate the game.

**4. Willie Mays:**

Possibly the best baseball player of all-time, but that's debatable. Nonetheless, Mays did it all, including hit the long ball as well as anyone ever could.

**5. Sammy Sosa:**

Sammy Sosa in the top five for home runs? Between corked bats and steroid allegations, it's hard to take him seriously.



# Orr named new head coach

After 10 years of Dan Dakich, there's a new sheriff in town

By John Turner  
Sports Editor

BGSU has named Louis Orr, former coach at Seton Hall University, head coach of the men's basketball team. Orr will become the 15th coach in the history of the program, taking over the team after Dan Dakich resigned last month following 10 years as coach.

Most recently, Orr coached five years at Seton Hall where he compiled a record of 80-69 and collected a Big East Conference Coach of the Year award in 2003. Orr led the team to a pair of NCAA Tournament berths, including a first round victory over No. 18 Arizona in the first round of the 2004 tournament.

Orr is enthusiastic to begin his tenure at BGSU, which will mark the 17th year of coaching experience for the Cincinnati native and Withrow High School alum.

"My family and I are very excited about this new chapter in our life," Orr said in a written statement released by the BGSU Athletic Department yesterday. "We have a unique opportunity to do what we love and at the same time share this with those who are closest to us. It is the perfect situation."

The 48-year-old Orr played for four seasons at Syracuse in

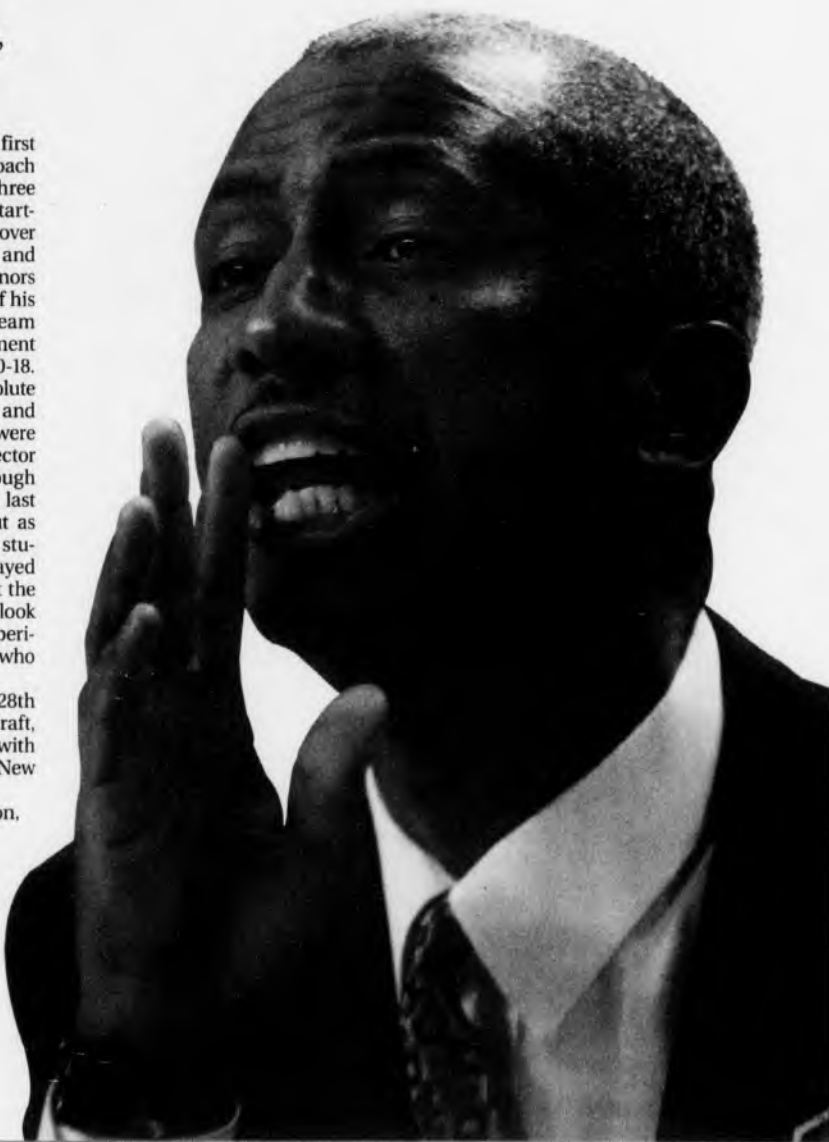
the late 70s and was the first recruit of then first-year coach Jim Boeheim. In his final three years, the 6-foot-8 forward started all games but one, shot over 50 percent from the field and was given All-American honors his senior season. In each of his four seasons at SU, the team made the NCAA Tournament and compiled a record of 100-18.

"Louis is a person of absolute integrity and high character and he has the background we were seeking," said Athletic Director Greg Christopher. "Through our conversations over the last two weeks, Louis stood out as the right person to lead our student-athletes. He has played and coached successfully at the highest levels and we now look to him to share those experiences with the young men who compete for BGSU."

Orr went on to be the 28th selection in the 1980 NBA Draft, playing for eight seasons with the Indiana Pacers and the New York Knicks.

After his 2005-06 season, Orr was fired from Seton Hall by Athletic Director Joe Quinlan, who cited recruiting and management of the basketball program as two areas of disagreement.

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**THE PROFILE**

**NAME:** Louis M. Orr  
**HOMETOWN:** Cincinnati, Ohio  
**COLLEGE:** Syracuse University  
**APPOINTED:** April 5, 2007

**THE RECORDS**

**HEAD COACH:** 100-80 (six seasons)  
**ASSISTANT COACH:** 210-101 (10 seasons)  
**PLAYER:** 100-18 (four seasons)  
**OVERALL COLLEGIATE:** 410-199 (20 seasons)

**THE PATH**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Winthrop High School (1976)  
**COLLEGE:** Syracuse (1980)  
**NBA:** Pacers and Knicks  
**COACHING:** Xavier, Providence, Syracuse, Siena and Seton Hall

## Gymnasts conclude injury prone season

By Adam Miezín  
Reporter

Another season ended in disappointment for BG's gymnastics team as they finished last at the Mid-American Conference Championships. Injuries yet again hurt the team when it counted most.

After an impressive 3-1 start, including two conference wins, the team lost a close match with conference rival Central Michigan and never hit their peak after that.

"We hit 22 out of 24 of our routines against Central Michigan but still lost a close meet," said coach Dan Connelly. "We had an outstanding meet but we just could not get the win. After that, we stayed even for awhile before the injuries began to hit."

One standout for this year's team was freshman Morgan Balzer. Early on, Balzer gave the Falcons increased depth and a new face on the team. She had impressive scores in all four events during the year and gives Falcon fans someone to watch

going into next season.

"Morgan had a great year for a freshman," Connelly said. "She really excelled and got better each week. She gave us the kind of performances we needed from the younger group."

With talk of a solid freshman class this season, the seniors were hit with injuries throughout the season and never really had the chance to go out on a great note. The depth of the team was not an issue with the freshmen stepping up, but the quality needs to improve according to

Connelly.

"Overall the team did quite well," Connelly said. "Those injuries hurt us late in the year with three seniors going down but we had some great things happen this year for us. We have some depth now, even with six seniors leaving but we must make sure that all six girls for each event can produce quality scores each meet."

For the past five years, the Falcons have been hit with inju-

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## Longtime Grambling coach Robinson dies



**Eddie Robinson**  
Former coach, died at the age of 88.

By Mary Foster  
The Associated Press

RUSTON, La. — Eddie Robinson, the longtime Grambling coach whose tireless work in breaking down racial barriers transformed a small, black college into a football power that produced hundreds of NFL players, has died. He was 88.

The soft-spoken coach spent nearly 60 years at Grambling State University, where he set a standard for victories with 408 and nearly every season relished seeing his top players drafted by NFL teams.

Doug Williams, a Super Bowl MVP quarterback was one of them. Williams said Robinson died shortly before midnight Tuesday. Robinson had been admitted to Lincoln General Hospital earlier in the day.

"For the Grambling family this is a very emotional time," Williams said yesterday. "But I'm thinking about Eddie Robinson the man, not in today-time, but in the day and what he meant

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## Indians overcome late deficit to White Sox, improve to 2-0

By Rick Gano  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Grady Sizemore gave the Cleveland Indians the lead with one swing. And then in conditions better suited for football, fellow outfielder Jason Michaels ran hard and made a tumbling catch on the warning track to save the victory.

Sizemore, whose two-run homer in the seventh put the Indians ahead, raced over to congratulate the fallen Michaels after his catch yesterday ended a bone-numbing 8-7 win over the Chicago White Sox.

"I thought he was going to punch me in the face. He was telling me it was a great catch," Michaels said.

On a day of subfreezing temperatures with snow flurries and a biting wind, Michaels' catch of

Joe Crede's long fly to left with two runners on in the ninth wasn't a sure thing.

"I thought it was going to be a routine pop fly. It just kept going and it had a lot of air time," Michaels said. "Grady's pretty aggressive out there. I wanted to make sure we weren't going to hit each other."

Sizemore, who led off Monday's opener with a homer as the Indians routed the White Sox 12-5, connected yesterday on the first pitch from reliever Matt Thornton (0-1) to overcome a 7-6 deficit. The two-run homer followed Andy Marte's walk against Mike MacDougal.

Sizemore was more excited about Michaels' catch than his homer.

"My heart was stopped for about

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BRIAN KERSEY | AP PHOTO

**CRASH COURSE:** Cleveland Indians' Jason Michaels falls as he catches Chicago White Sox' Joe Crede's fly ball to make the final out in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Chicago on Wednesday, April 4, 2007. The Indians won 8-7.



## Cincinnati Mayor razed for pitch

CINCINNATI(AP)—Mayor Mark Mallory would like to be remembered for reforms he brought to city government. Right now, he is best known on the Internet for his ceremonial first pitch to start the major league baseball season in Cincinnati.

The pitch, in front of a sold-out crowd Monday at Great American Ball Park, was short and several feet to the first-base side of home plate. It has been played over and over on Web sites and reviewed by pundits and the public.

Mallory is doing his best to take the ribbing in stride. In jest, he blamed his catcher, former Reds star Eric Davis, for the errant throw.

"Eric Davis missed the sign," Mallory said. "I called for a pitchout."

Mallory, who turned 45 on opening day and admits he was not much of an athlete, said he knew immediately that his throw was way off target. He hoped to make amends when given another chance yesterday night on ABC-TV's "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

"Who would have thought such a bad pitch could bring such good attention to the city of Cincinnati?" Mallory said. "I have an opportunity to talk about great things that are going on in the city."

Mallory also was scheduled for an interview on the ESPN2 show "Cold Pizza."

## A power game at the Masters, with small hope for the little guy

By Doug Ferguson  
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods doesn't own the lowest score on the back nine at Augusta National, nor the most memorable. But that 30 he posted in the first round in 1997 sent him to a record-setting victory at the Masters that ultimately changed many things.

Starting with the golf course. "There were two par 5s, and I could handle those," Woods recalled. "No. 17 was short at the time. No. 11 was short at the time. No. 14 was short at the time, only a 3-wood and a sand wedge."

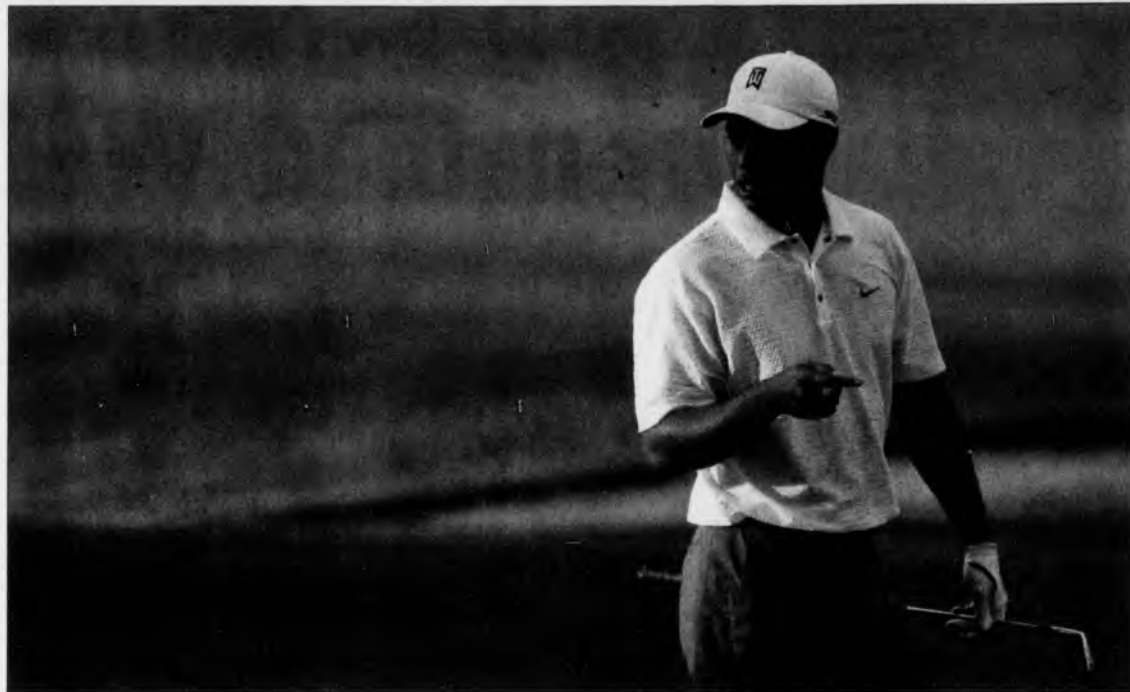
With each hole description, his smile grew wider until he was in full laughter.

There is nothing short about Augusta National now except the distance between the practice green and the first tee. The course has been stretched more than a quarter-mile since Woods' first victory, and each change seems to reduce the number of realistic contenders.

That explains why Woods and Phil Mickelson have won five of the last six Masters and are the heavy favorites when the 71st edition of this tournament begins Thursday.

And maybe that's why some of the shorter hitters wonder if they're only here to smell the flowers.

The annual assumption is that only a dozen or guys can think about a green jacket, a familiar list of power players that range from Ernie Els to Vijay Singh, from Henrik Stenson to Geoff



**ON THE PROWL:** Tiger Woods walks on the third hole as he practices for the 2007 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday, April 3. First round play begins on Thursday.

Ogilvy.

"It angers me a little bit when I hear that," Fred Funk said Wednesday. "But it's true. When I come here ... what's the name of that movie, 'One in a Million'? OK, so I have a chance. But a medium to short hitter has to have a ridiculous short game to contend."

Woods and Mickelson probably have never had a conversa-

tion in the champions locker room like the one that took place early this week downstairs where the regulars hang out.

Paul Goydos hasn't been to the Masters in 11 years, and he was asking Scott Verplank what club he hit into a certain hole. Verplank never gave him a chance to say which hole, probably because it didn't matter. "Wood," he replied.

Verplank qualified for this Masters by finishing among the top 16 a year ago. And he was quick to point out that Tim Clark was the runner-up to Mickelson, and Chris DiMarco gave Woods all he could handle the year before that.

"It can be done," Verplank said. "But it does put a handful of guys at a much greater advantage, and those guys all

hit the ball farther than I do. I was playing a practice round with Davis Love III, and he's launching it 300 yards to the top of the hill on the first hole. I'm just hoping I can see the green."

Steve Stricker was in weekend contention in 2001, the year Woods won his fourth straight

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## ORR

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Orr had drawn criticism for not having a better recruiting record in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area.

Orr is excited his second chance is taking place in a school that has historically shown a great deal of loyalty to coaches.

"When you see that there have been just three coaches in 30 years, it shows that this must be a special place," Orr said. "There is an outstanding group of young men here who are eager to continue their journey as student-athletes and I am anxious to begin working with them as we move toward a common goal of winning a MAC Championship."

## Lilly shuts down Reds' offense, gives Cubs win

By Joe Kay  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ted Lilly pitched seven impressive innings in his Cubs debut, leading Chicago to a 4-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds last night.

Lilly allowed only three singles and struck out nine on a blustery night, puffing into his cupped left hand between pitches to keep the feeling in his fingertips. Lilly was a key part of the Cubs' offseason spending spree, getting a four-year, \$40 million deal.

Mark DeRosa, another of the six free agents signed in

the offseason, broke the game open with a bases-loaded single in the eighth off reliever Todd Coffey. Aramis Ramirez also had three singles off loser Bronson Arroyo.

Fans were bundled in winter coats and blankets for the first pitch, when it was 39 degrees. A snow burst in the fourth inning made it tricky to track fly balls.

Lilly (1-0) doesn't seem to mind the early season shivers. April is the best month of his career, featuring two of his four complete games, and he got this month off to a good start by stumping a team he had never faced.

Only three players in Cincinnati's lineup had ever batted against Lilly, who spent the last seven seasons in the American League. His pitches were almost as variable as the weather, registering between 64 and 88 mph.

Ryan Dempster pitched the ninth for his first save, completing a three-hitter.

The game marked another notable switch for Ken Griffey Jr., who moved from centerfield to right during spring training. Manager Jerry Narron batted him fifth, the first time Griffey has hit so low in the order since May 6-8, 2004.

Griffey singled to right for

the Reds' first hit leading off the fifth inning. Adam Dunn broke the shutout with a two-out, run-scoring single off the base of the right-field wall in the sixth.

A Cubs roster that got a \$300 million infusion in the offseason got a few breakthroughs in the fourth inning — its first earned run and first lead of the season.

Arroyo, who went 4-0 in five starts against Chicago last season, got himself in trouble by giving up singles to Ramirez (who got a \$75 million offseason deal), Cliff Floyd (\$3 million) and DeRosa (\$13 million).

## Championship celebration claims victim

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A police officer who was struck by a car after the Florida Gators' championship died yesterday, authorities said.

Lt. Corey Dahlem, a 22-year veteran, was struck by a black Toyota as police were clearing the streets at the University of Florida early Tuesday after the Gators' win against Ohio State, authorities said.

Dahlem died yesterday just before 3 p.m., hospital officials said.

The Florida Highway Patrol said the driver, Austin John Wright, 21, of Atlantic Beach, had a blood-alcohol level almost three times the legal limit. He is accused of running two motorcycle officers off the road. The officers were not injured.

Wright remained in jail yesterday on \$500,000 bail.

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two seconds. I saw the ball go in there and I just started screaming at him," Sizemore said. "The wind was going all sorts of directions. It was swirling out there which made the ball tough to read. The snow and the wind didn't help too much."

The temperature at game time was announced at 31 degrees with a 15 mph wind and a wind chill of 19. During batting practice, players wore extra layers and ski caps as snow flurries fell, and they warmed themselves with dugout heaters. Once the game started, two of the umpires worked with their ears covered. The fans bundled up, too.

"It's not a factor. It's an excuse for me," Thornton said of the home run. "I made a mistake and he nailed it. ... That's embarrassing for me. That's ridiculous. It's uncalled for."

There were thousands of empty seats, and the crowd appeared to be much smaller than the announced attendance of 26,337.

Aaron Fultz (1-0) went two-thirds of an inning for the win, and Rafael Betancourt struck out Crede with two on in the seventh.

Joe Borowski walked two around a strikeout of Jim Thome, then struck out Jermaine Dye before Crede lifted the ball to left center.

"Seeing some of the home runs I saw today, I thought I had enough with the wind blowing. I thought it at least had enough to get over and burn them at least," Crede said. "He just made a great play."



# Griffey to honor Robinson

By Joe Kay  
The Associated Press

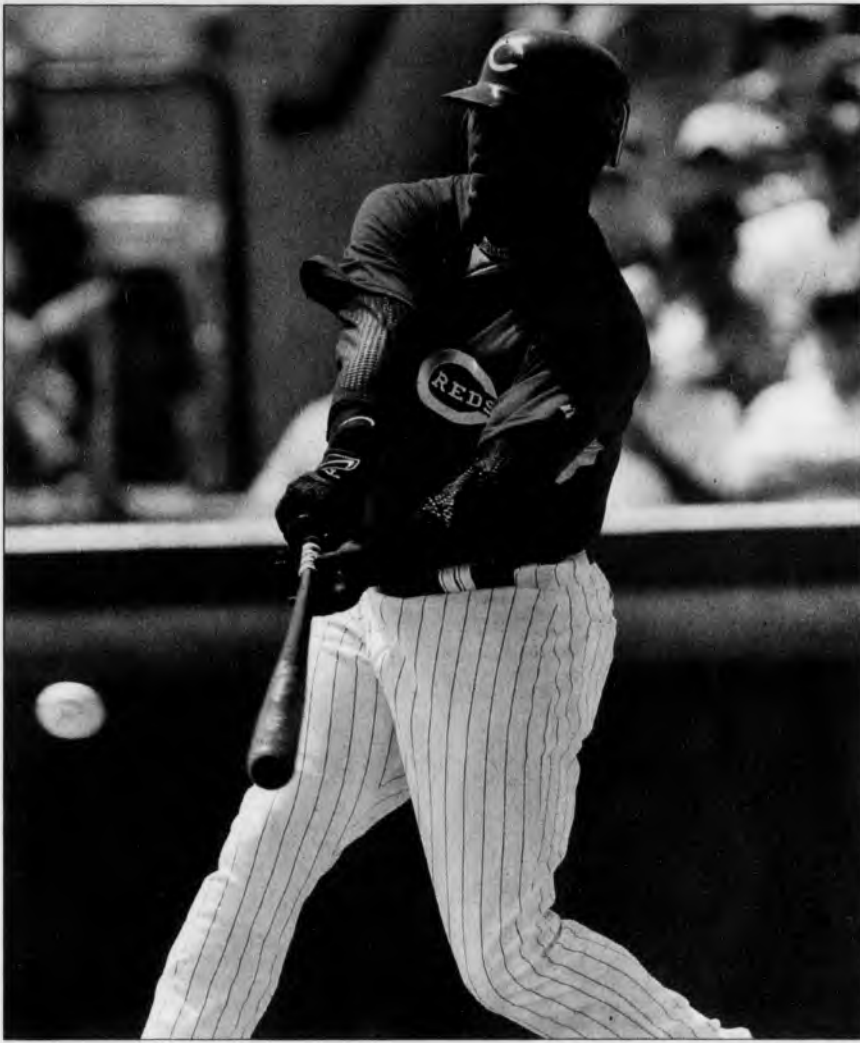
CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. plans to wear No. 42 on April 15, honoring the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier.

The Cincinnati Reds outfielder called baseball commissioner Bud Selig and got permission to wear the retired number for the one day. Major League Baseball then invited players on other teams to do the same.

"What I think: If he didn't achieve or didn't overcome the racial tension, would I be wearing this uniform?" Griffey said yesterday. "Or, when was the next opportunity that an African-American would get a chance to put on another major league uniform if he didn't achieve what he did?"

Baseball plans to honor the anniversary before a game between the San Diego Padres and the Dodgers in Los Angeles. Robinson played his first game for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947.

Griffey wore No. 42 on the 50th anniversary, and thought it would be appropriate to do it again this season. Baseball retired the number 10 years ago as a way of honoring all of Robinson's contribution to the game.



GETTIN' GRIFFEY WITH IT: Cincinnati Reds' Ken Griffey Jr., singles off Pittsburgh Pirates' Zach Duke in the fifth inning of spring training baseball action at Sarasota, Fla. last week.

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## GYMNASTS

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ries to key gymnasts. This year looked to be a different story, but the team will continue to try and avoid them if at all possible.

"It is getting tougher to keep people healthy with as tough and demanding as this sport has become," Connelly said. "Injuries happen to every gymnastics team at every level but we need to do our best to have the people behind them to step up when called upon."

For BG, another off-season awaits with questions being raised about the future of this team. Juniors Jacquelyn Bernhardt, Ashlee deLeeuw and Jholeen Ponce were some of the stars of this year's team and will be looked toward to be the leaders of next season's young team.

"Seniors give you the intangibles and leadership along with experience," Connelly said. "This year's class had the

## SEASON RECAP

RECORD: 3-3 in the MAC, 3-7 overall

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### 7TH PLACE AT THE MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Team Highs:

Vault: Morgan Balzer 9.525

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Floor: Jenna Wirtanen 9.600

Bars: Megan Chronister 9.500

### THIRD PLACE AT ALL-OHIO CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Team Highs:

Vault: Morgan Balzer 9.575

Beam: Megan Chronister 9.625

Floor: Jenna Wirtanen 9.575

Bars: Megan Chronister 9.625

All-Around: Morgan Balzer 38.500, Jenna Wirtanen 37.950

intangibles and we will miss them a lot. With the majority of them being hurt at the end of the year, it was not the finish that we envisioned but there is some hope for who we will have next season."

## ROBINSON

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to me and to so many people."

Robinson's career spanned 11 presidents, several wars and the civil rights movement. His overall record of excellence is what will be remembered: In 57 years, Robinson compiled a 408-165-15 record. Until John Gagliardi of St. John's, Minn., topped the victory mark four years ago, Robinson was the winningest coach in all of college football.

"The real record I have set for over 50 years is the fact that I have had one job and one wife," Robinson said.

Robinson had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease, which was diagnosed shortly after he was forced to retire following the 1997 season. His health had been declining for years and he had been in and out of a nursing home during the past year.

Robinson said he tried to coach each player as if he wanted him to marry his daughter.

He began coaching at

Grambling State in 1941, when it was still the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, and single-handedly brought the school from obscurity to international popularity.

"Coach Robinson elevated a small town program to national prominence and tore down barriers to achieve an equal playing field for athletes of all races," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said in a statement. "Generations of Louisianans will forever benefit from coach Robinson's fight for equality."

Grambling first gained national attention in 1949 when running back Paul "Tank" Younger signed with the Los Angeles Rams and became the first player from an

all-black college to enter the NFL. Suddenly, pro scouts learned how to find the little school 65 miles east of Shreveport near the Arkansas border.

Robinson sent over 200 players to the NFL, including seven first-round draft choices and Williams, who succeeded Robinson as Grambling's coach in 1998. Others went to the Canadian Football League and the now-defunct USFL.

Robinson's pro stars included Willie Davis, James Harris, Ernie Ladd, Buck Buchanan, Sammy White, Cliff McNeil, Willie Brown, Roosevelt Taylor, Charlie Joiner and Willie Williams.

Jerry Lzenberg, the sports col-

umnist emeritus at the Star-Ledger of Newark and a close friend of Robinson since 1963, said the coach was an inspiration in the deep South.

"People look at black pride in America and sports' impact on it," Lzenberg said. "In the major cities it took off the first time Jackie Robinson stole home. In the deep South, it started with Eddie Robinson, who took a small college in northern Louisiana with little or no funds and sent the first black to the pros and made everyone look at him and Grambling."

Robinson said he was inspired to become a football coach when a high school team visited the elementary school he attended.

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major. That also was the last year before club officials began super-sizing the golf course, and Stricker found himself in foreign territory when he returned for practice rounds this year.

"I was taken back — literally," he said. "Where I used to be hitting from in the fairway, well, it wasn't exactly closer."

About the only thing the little guys can hope for is good weather.

Rain loomed in the gray skies

Wednesday morning, the final day of practice, but the clouds soon scattered and gave way to blue skies and what might be a warm week. That would make the fairways firm and fast (the greens always seem to be that way) and allow these guys a little more distance off the tee, a club or two shorter into the greens.

Sure, a 7-iron for Luke Donald might be a wedge for Sergio Garcia, but it beats the difference between a 4-iron and a 7-iron.

Jim Furyk remembers when the Masters had a varied collection of winners — the power

of Seve Ballesteros and Fred Couples, but also the control of Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer, and the putting of Ben Crenshaw and Mark O'Meara.

"With the addition of all of the length in the past few years, I think it's refocused on power, and probably favors the long hitters a bit more," Furyk said. "There's always a chance for a good player that's not long to win a golf tournament. For a guy like me, I'm obviously rooting for firm, fast conditions."

Resignation comes from seeing Woods and Mickelson, imposing off the tee and in their green jackets.

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